

House Bill 709

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To provide for the holding of a nonbinding, advisory referendum election to determine  
2 whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire to continue the advancement of  
3 time from standard time to daylight saving time or to observe standard time or daylight  
4 saving time year round; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 (a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to issue the call for a nonbinding, advisory  
9 referendum election to determine whether the qualified electors of the State of Georgia desire  
10 to continue the advancement of time from standard time to daylight saving time or to  
11 observe standard time or daylight saving time year round. The Secretary of State shall  
12 conduct the referendum election as provided in this section on the date of the November,  
13 2020, general election. The Secretary of State shall issue the call and conduct that  
14 referendum election as provided by general law.

15 (b) The ballot shall be so prepared that the electors shall have an opportunity to vote for only  
16 one of the following three options:

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Vote for only one.

18 ( ) Option No. 1. The state shall continue to observe the current system of switching  
19 between standard time and daylight saving time twice a year.

20 ( ) Option No. 2. The state shall observe standard time year round.

21 ( ) Option No. 3. The state shall observe daylight saving time year round, if authorized  
22 by Congress.

23 (c) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to tabulate and certify the results of the  
24 referendum election and report said results to the Governor and the General Assembly  
25 immediately following such certification.

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**SECTION 2.**

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.